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LETTER DATED 17 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOLIVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that Bolivia associates itself with the many expressions of sorrow at the serious violations of basic principles of international humanitarian law - including the maltreatment of civilians in arbitrarily established prisons and detention camps - that are taking place in the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and, in particular, in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a State Member of the United Nations.

The extent of the violence resulting from repression, and the actions by the occupying forces that make it difficult for the International Committee of the Red Cross and other humanitarian aid organizations to carry out their task of assisting the defenceless civilian population, are beyond the limits of endurance and oblige the international community to appeal to the Security Council to take, with the urgency that the situation requires, all measures that can help put an end to that dramatic situation and enforce the legal standards that are the hallmark of coexistence in a civilized world.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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